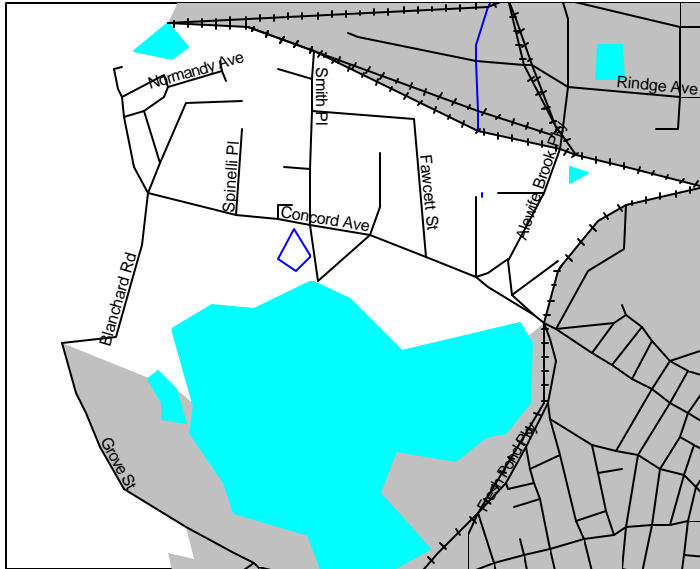
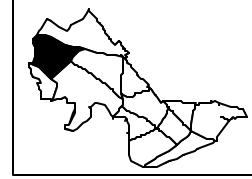


# NEIGHBORHOOD 12

## HIGHLANDS



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

**POPULATION:** 582 residents  
281 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$37,125

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

### 2001 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

The Highlands consistently ranks as one of the safest neighborhoods in Cambridge, with nary a **housebreak** or **street robbery** reported during the first three quarters of 2001. Housebreaks have been on a downward spiral in this neighborhood since the middle of the 1990's and have virtually disappeared. During the past 33 months, there has been but one housebreak reported here. • There have been two street robberies in Neighborhood #12 since 1999, both were in the vicinity of the Fresh Pond Mall. ? It was a very quiet summer in this neighborhood. The combined totals for **larceny from motor vehicle, auto theft and malicious destruction** were just over 20 incidents. The majority of the theft from vehicles and breaking of car windows is at the Fresh Pond Mall on weekend nights. As the third quarters numbers reveal, the long-standing problem in the Mall parking lots has been alleviated.? The only **drug arrest** during the third quarter involved a shoplifter at TJ Maxx who was in possession of marijuana. In January, the Special Investigation Unit made two purchases of cocaine near Alewife Brook Parkway that lead to significant trafficking arrests.

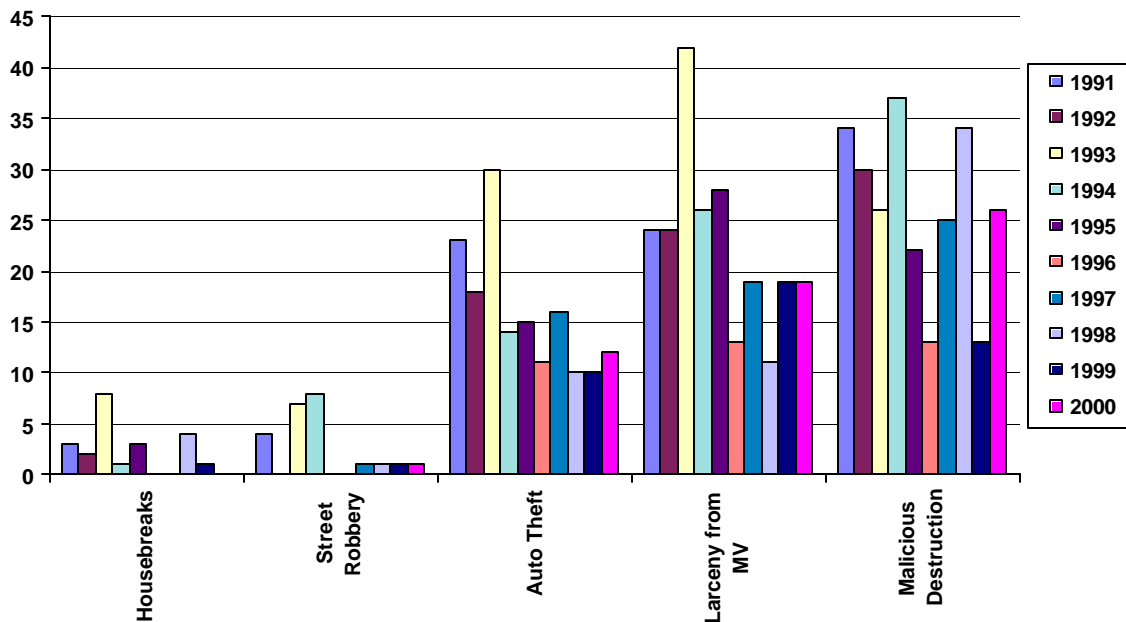
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2000 & 2001

| CRIME                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2000 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001 | % CHANGE |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Housebreaks           | 0                    | 0                      | None     |
| Street Robbery        | 0                    | 0                      | None     |
| Auto Theft            | 11                   | 10                     | -9%      |
| Larceny from MVs      | 16                   | 10                     | -38%     |
| Malicious Destruction | 12                   | 8                      | -33%     |
| Drug Arrests          | 1                    | 3                      | +200%    |

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial, and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the 13 neighborhoods.
- **Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction** has sometimes become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- **Larcenies from Persons** exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocketpickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.



| ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA TARGET CRIMES |           |             |           |             |            |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Crime   | 1981-1990 | Rank 81-90* | 1991-2000 | Rank 91-00* | Rank 2000* |
| Housebreaks                                     | 6         | 13          | 3         | 13          | 13         |
| Street Robbery                                  | 8         | 12          | 3         | 13          | 13         |
| Auto Theft                                      | 54        | 11          | 16        | 11          | 12         |
| Larceny from MVs                                | 38        | 12          | 23        | 12          | 12         |
| Malicious Destruction                           | 28        | 12          | 26        | 12          | 12         |